# Department of State

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The Tennessee State Library and Archives is pleased to announce the upcoming Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Grant Program. (PACHUG)    This new one-time upgrade grant program has been designed to help libraries serving disadvantaged communities in our state replace and upgrade public access computers, including hardware and software.

Libraries that received grants under the 1999-2000 Gates Foundation Grant Program are eligible as Priority 1 and 2 libraries for the PACHUG grant.

The PACHUG grant requires no local matching funds.  The grant will equal the total cost of the computer.

Grant funds will only cover the public access computer (no staff computers) and software.  No peripherals or network hardware can be purchased.

The grant program and priorities will be explained in more detail in future emails.

Grants funds will be dispersed according to the following priorities:

Priority 1:
    Applicants must replace PACs that were:
        1.  purchased under the initial Foundation grant
        2.  are still in active service
        3.  are not upgradeable

Time line: Priority 1 grants will be dispersed and PCs must be installed by the end of 2006.

Priority 2:
Applicants that have already replaced their original Gates PCs are eligible for funding with grant money remaining after Priority 1 grants are dispersed.

Priority 3:
After fully funding the first two priorities, if there are grant funds remaining, TSLA may allocate such funds to libraries that serve communities with disadvantaged populations and/or are designated high need areas.  Libraries that were eligible for the 1999-2000

Gates grants but did not apply for grants and libraries that have been created after 2000 will be eligible for funds under this priority.

Time line: Priority 2 and 3 libraries will be funded during 2007 and 2008.

Priority 4:
If funds remain after implementing the first two priorities, funds may be dispersed to upgrade existing computer labs or create new computer labs. Time line: Priority 4 libraries will be funded during 2008.

The tentative time line for this grant is as follows:

September 21 - 28, 2005 - TSLA receives WebJunction Training for Administration and support staff.

October 2005 - December 31, 2005 - TSLA staff will make an on-site visit to your library and inventory public access computers using WebJunction's TechAtlas inventory tool in preparation to complete the Grant worksheet.

February 15, 2006 - Grant Application Deadline, State Library and Archives will submit Grant to Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

End of 1st quarter 2006 - TSLA receives grant funding from Gates Foundation.

By December 31, 2006 - TSLA must have awarded a grant to all eligible Priority 1 libraries to purchase and install all new public access computers.  All Priority 1 equipment must be installed by December 31, 2006.

2007 - 2008 - Remaining grand funds expended.

All questions should be directed to TSLA.

Please contact Lisa Tinch at lisa.tinch@state.tn.us or 615.532.4894  from 7am-3:30pm CST.

Please note:  Library Systems serving a legal service area of 300,000
or larger will apply for grants directly to the Gates foundation.  These
applications will not go through the Tennessee State Library and
Archives.  The Library Systems include Shelby, Davidson, and Knox
counties.

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